

an improved life for every person

Every day each person in Kirkland encounters Public Works; by drinking water, recycling trash, crossing a crosswalk, driving or biking on a roadway or numerous other activities. Every day our infrastructure and services should improve your life just a bit, and give you time to focus on other more important things in life; family, work, leisure and commerce.

Therefore, our vision as a department is to constantly expand on the ways we improve the lives of everyone living in or passing through Kirkland.

caring for your infrastructure
to keep Kirkland
healthy, safe and vibrant

2008 Accomplishments that support our Mission:

Caring for your infrastructure:

- Developed a project implementation plan which will reduce the \$21 Million backlog in capital projects to an acceptable level in 2 years; this plan includes completion of \$14 Million in projects per year (\$2 Million more than prior years).
- Completed several hundred service requests for streets, paths on trails, public grounds, water service lines, sewer and storm drains, vehicles and buildings.

To keep Kirkland healthy:

- Second consecutive year of Zero wastewater overflows from the sewer collection system
- Exceeded the City’s goal for Single-Family recycling (68% actual compared to 52% goal)
- 1 Million tons of sediment/debris removed from the storm drain system, reducing the amount of pollution that drains to Lake Washington
- Completed bike lanes and sidewalks on 116th Ave NE from Houghton Park and Ride to NE 60th

Safe:

- Every 2 years Kirkland’s street pavement is analyzed and scored on a 0-100 scale called the pavement condition index (PCI). PCI dropped from 70 in 2006 to 65 in 2008. Different strategies and more funding are needed to protect further deterioration. A rating of 65 is within the ‘good’ category of the PCI. In 2008 seven lane miles of street paving was completed in the annual overlay program
- Utilized social marketing principals to implement ‘Take it To Make it’ program, increasing pedestrian flag usage by 67%
- Total car/pedestrian collisions are down from 21 in 2007 to 18 in 2008
- Replaced approximately 400 water meters

And Vibrant:

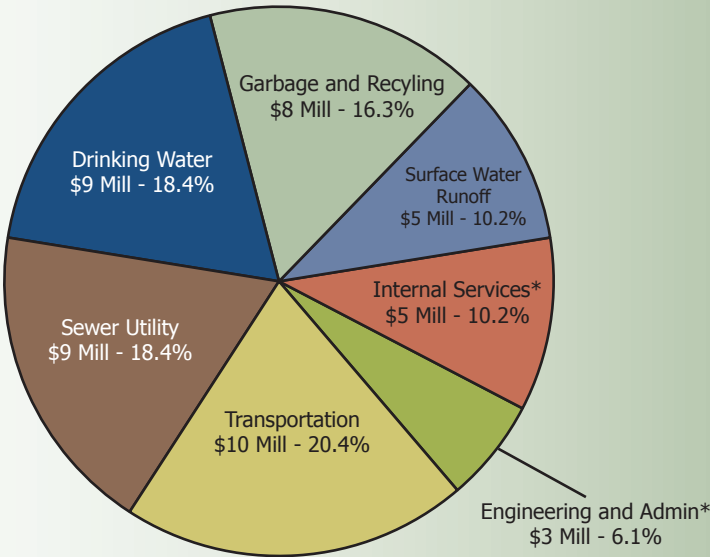
- Designed and coordinated the installation of a demonstration rain garden at the Forbes House in Juanita Beach Park
- Significant progress on design and function of Downtown Transit Center

There are many other services and products; these are a select few.

- cooperation
integrity
quality
- respect
creativity
efficiency

The values listed above represent how we behave as members of the Public Works Department. The first three focus on how we interact with others; and the last, how we perform our work. We see relationships and work not as separate, but two sides of the same coin.

Public Works Typical Annual Budget
\$49 Million



*Includes internal transfers



WHAT IS PUBLIC WORKS?

Public Works is the streets, sidewalks, water mains, sewer pipes, surface water systems, traffic lights, signs, street trees, medians, and other infrastructure and facilities that you see and use every day. The Public Works Department in Kirkland is the 102 people maintaining those systems.

OUR VISION

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OUR MISSION

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OUR VALUES

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OUR MISSION

Improve the quality of life of the community by providing a safe, healthy, and sustainable environment for all.

Years of Service	Employee	Years of Service
5	Seppo Tervo	19
18	Gary Thornquist	3
20	Tim Ultican	4
1	Dan Vaniterson	15
3	Philip Vartanian	10
14	Bryan Wagner	1
20	Bobbi Wallace	3
9	David Wells	16
3	Tami White	5
8	Lee Winston	9
14	Teresa Woolley	5
6	Justin Young	1
5	Gary Zwick	31
28	Total Service Years: 911	
13	Elected Officials:	
2	Mayor:	James Lauinger
3	Deputy Mayor:	Joan McBride
5	Council Members:	
9	Dave Asher	
10	Mary-Alyce Burleigh	
5	Jessica Greenway	
5	Tom Hodgson	
22	Bob Sternoff	
2	City Manager:	
2	David Ramsay	
18		
19		
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Public Works
Department
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